

SOUTH CAROLINA'S REDCLIFFE PLANTATION

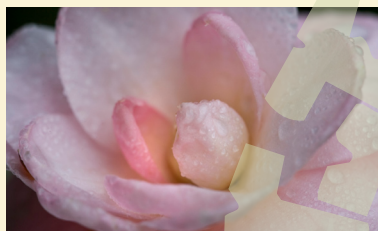
STATE HISTORIC SITE

"Cotton is King!"

Those words resounded through Congress and then the nation in a fiery speech by South Carolina Sen. James Henry Hammond in the years leading up to the Civil War.

Hammond, also a South Carolina Governor, completed his final home at Redcliffe Plantation in 1859. Today the 10,000 square foot mansion, an iconic lane of 145-year-old magnolia trees, and two extant slave quarters are highlights of the site. So is the view of the Savannah River valley from the top floor of the Greek Revival house, where historians say Hammond could see the clock tower a dozen miles away across the river in downtown Augusta.

Admiring the heirloom garden, walking the nature trail and picnicking on the expansive lawn also are favorite activities at the park. Redcliffe was donated to South Carolina in 1973 by former Time editor John Shaw Billings, great-grandson of the former congressman and governor.



Designation: National Register

Counties: Aiken

Acreage: 369

Pets: Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

Admissions: Park admission is free.

House tours are \$4/age 16+; \$2.50/SC Senior; \$3/youth or child age 6-15

Park Facilities and Activities:

- Hiking
- Interpretive Trail
- Park Store/Gift Shop
- Picnic Area

Driving Directions:

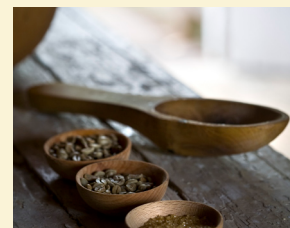
From I-20: North Augusta take exit 1 onto Martintown Road. Go approximately 4 miles and turn left onto Hwy 125 S. (Atomic Rd.) to Beech Island. Turn right at stop light onto Beech Island Ave. then left onto Hwy 278 at next stop light. Go two miles then take a right onto Hammond Road. Then right onto Redcliffe Rd. Redcliffe is approximately 14 miles from I-20.

GPS Coordinates: Long: 81° 51' 52.82"W , Lat: 33° 24' 58.33"N



Tour and Programs

Information: Redcliffe Plantation is a "DiscoverCarolina Site", which provides curriculum-based social studies programs for South Carolina school children. Special interest programs are also offered throughout the year on topics such as the rich African-American history of the site, heirloom gardening, the lives of children in the 19th century, and cemetery preservation.



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Office Hours: 11am-noon

Park Hours: Grounds: Th-M
9am-5pm (extended to 6pm
during Daylight Savings
Time)